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The Christmas Spirit

CHRISTMAS! The time when merry crowds throng the stores to buy tokens of love for their friends and dear ones; when the chorus sings their favorite carols; when good people get together for a good old merry time, and all the world bubbles over with good humor and Christmas greetings.

This is the Christmas spirit that makes that beautiful line "Peace on earth and good-will toward men" possible. If you are not already a part of this joyous throng, join now in that which makes Christmas the happiest time on earth.

To Our Readers

Christmas was chosen as the ideal time for the appearance of this year's first Briscoe Briefs. The following pages are the result of the splendid co-operation of our boys and girls. May you read and enjoy the work of which we are very proud.

Marian Webb, *Editor*

Health Club

8 G 4 has formed a health club. Stanley Pierce is the president and Marian Webb is secretary. Every morning we set apart five minutes for the Health Club. When a topic is given the president then calls for additions or comments on the subject just discussed.

So far we have taken twelve topics from the health sheet.

Alice Brotchie

Jokes

Miss L-p-m. A cotton gin means cotton engine.

K.W. I have a little gin at home.

Miss L-p-m. A cotton gin?

K.W. No, an *en-gine*.

Miss L-p-m. I have drawn a picture of the first cotton mill in America.

R-b-t S-r-y. Did you draw it from memory?

Teacher: What is a broiler?

Pupil: Something like a chicken.

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From each room, there is a home room leader chosen; one from each of the seventh grade divisions and Practical Arts and two from each of the eighth grades. The following leaders were chosen:

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The first meeting was held in October and they elected their officers.

Pres.—Alfred Seccombe
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Some of the leaders were given positions to hold before school and between the sessions, and all are doing well.

Three Clubs Formed

The Briscoe School has formed three clubs, Debating, Dramatic and Art clubs. These clubs have recently been formed. Mr. Cronin is at the head of the Debating club. They take up questions and debate upon them. Miss Harrison and Miss McCurdy are at the head of the Dramatic club. The Dramatic club acts out plays and gives them for the students.

Miss Lyons is at the head of the Art club. Only those talented in drawing and painting are members. These clubs meet every two weeks. They have not as yet accomplished much, but later on the Briscoe School will have three clubs to be proud of.

Sophie Latinik

Class Notes

First Quarter

8—G—4

8-G-4 is proud of their record in banking. They have had 100% every day this year.

This year 8-G-4 has a 100% penmanship card and also have seven names on the honor roll.

In Geography, 8-G-4 has formed a Briscoe Tourist Agency. Each pupil has been given a special country about which they have written a traveler's catalogue.

They have written in these booklets information for passengers, the itinerary of the trip, the description of the boat and a description of the places visited.

Class Notes

First Quarter

8—G—3

8—G—3 has a 100% position card in penmanship and eleven names on the honor roll.

8—G—3 are traveling to Japan this quarter.

8—G—1

8—G—1 pupils are making their Christmas blotters.

Seven pupils in 8—G—1 have their names on the Penmanship Honor Roll - almost one third of the class

Parent's Night there were forty-eight visitors in 8—G—1.

One half of the class are making boats in manual training while the other half are making foot-stools.

8—C—1

Miss Shatswell's room, Room 203, has had no tardy marks since school began.

100% banking every week.

100% position in penmanship.

Fourteen persons on penmanship honor-roll.

Business Practice class takes care of banking.

Edna Cole has the record in typewriting. She can write 4.7 strokes in one second.

7—6

There have been no tardy marks this quarter.

There were seventeen children that were not absent this quarter.

Fates Christmas Gift

by
Loreen Gilbert

THERE is a day in the year when all over the earth peace prevails and homes are filled with happiness and expectations. The world heralds it as Christmas.

It was drawing nearer and nearer as Mary Louise wearily descended the steps of a large shoe factory. In the long days which she spent working there, the only bright spot in her life was her little brother Tommy whom she had treasured and comforted since the death of her parents nearly two years ago.

She wrapped her thin cloak more closely about her, as she wended her way through the busy streets. The shop windows were brightly lighted and trimmed gorgeously for the festive season.

Everything looked beautiful to Mary Louise. She paused before a shop window and gazed longingly at the toys.

"Oh! how Tommy would like one of those scooters," she exclaimed. She looked long and earnestly at the other lovely things oblivious to all that was taking place around her until a tiny splash on the window pane attracted her attention, it was beginning to snow. She hurried along, as she still had a considerable distance to go. As she neared a cross road, her attention was drawn to a childlike figure walking in the street ahead of her.

"What can that little mite be doing out on a night like this?" thought Mary Louise. "She must be lost, I will hurry and overtake her."

Suddenly a loud toot of an automobile horn was heard but the little one paid no attention to its warning but stepped directly in front of the large car.

Quick as a flash Mary Louise ran, and with a terrific push

she landed the child out of harm's way then fell face down unconscious in the snow.

When she had regained consciousness she found herself in a lovely room.

"Where am I?" she said aloud and "where is Tommy?" At that moment the door to the adjoining room opened, and Mary Louise beheld a beautiful Christmas tree aglow with many tiny colored lights and laden with mysteriously wrapped packages, tied with gay colored ribbon. A lovely lady stood near the tree, and two little children danced around it gleefully. Then seeing the door open they bounded in to Mary's bedside.

"It's me, said Tommy, and we're going to stay here always Mr. Blake said; for if it had not been for you his little girl Helen would have been killed. Just see the lovely tree, and its to be our very own." Tommy was quite out of breath, and Mary Louise with the glow of new happiness in her eyes clasped the two little forms closely. Mrs. Blake peeped into the room and her heart overflowed with joy as she viewed the scene. Tiptoeing into the room she kissed Mary Louise and whispered softly "I'm to be your new mother dear." Come now little folks, and let sister go to sleep, as tomorrow is Christmas and we want her to be able to enjoy it with us. They kissed Mary Louise and hurried out of the room.

When all was quiet Mary Louise drew aside the curtain and peered out of the window

The stars were shining bright and the moon cast its soft reflection on the snow covered earth. From the little chapel came the sweet voices of the carollers singing, "Peace on earth, good-will toward men"

Mary Louise listened, and great joy filled her heart. "Oh Tommy! she thought, ours is to be a wonderful Christmas."

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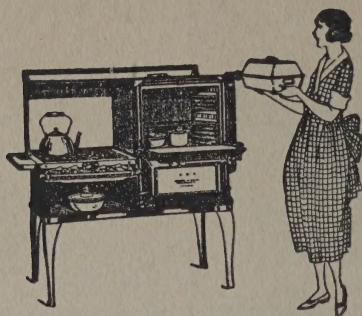
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